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H. CON. RES. 439

Calling on the President to order the flag to be flown at half-staff upon the death of any member of the Armed Forces dying from an injury or illness incurred in the line of duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2006

Mr. BERRY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has relied upon the Armed Forces to defend the freedoms that Americans hold dear;

Whereas the United States continues to rely upon personnel of the military branches, including members of their respective Reserve and National Guard components, who are deployed overseas and stationed at military support installations within the United States as they continue to engage in the continuing global war on terror;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces represent the highest ideals of patriotism and sacrifice of the American people;

Whereas the well-being of all citizens of the United States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result of the protection of the Armed Forces;

Whereas more than 1,000,000 Americans have given their lives as members of the United States military since the founding of the Nation;

Whereas in these times of challenge, when Americans have once again answered the call to defend freedom, it is as important as ever that all Americans take time to honor those brave members of the Armed Forces who throughout the Nation's history have given their lives in the service to the country and the cause of liberty;

Whereas section 7 of title 4, United States Code, known as the Flag Code, gives the President the authority to order the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff upon the "death of principal figures of the United States Government ... as a mark of respect to their memory"; and

Whereas members of the Armed Forces who have given their lives in service to the United States have paid the ultimate sacrifice and deserve the same mark of respect from the Federal Government as that provided to individuals considered to be "principal figures of the United States Government": Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the
- 3 President should order the flag to be flown at half-staff
- 4 upon the death of any member of the Armed Forces dying
- 5 from an injury or illness incurred in the line of duty.

